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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: UNTO TANSKANEN, FINNISH AMBASSADOR
TO NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 3016

1. UNTO TANSKANEN WAS APPOINTED FINNISH AMBASSADOR IN
HANOI AS OF JULY 1, 1974 (SEE HELSINKI'S A-102 FO JUNE 7, 1974
COPY OF WHICH BEING POUCHED VIENTIANE).

2. TANSKANEN IS NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY HELSINKI.
ACCORDING TO BIOGRAPHIC REGISTER OF FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
HE WAS BORN JULY 8, 1931 IN VYBORG (NOW IN SOVIET UNION). HE
TOOK LAW DEGREE IN 1956 AND JOINED FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1957
AFTER MILITARY SERVICE. HE WENT TO CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW
YORK IN JUNE 1961 AND THEN TO OTTAWA EMBASSY IN DECEMBER 1962.
HE RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER 1964 WHERE HE
REMAINED UNTIL ASSIGNED TO PRAGUE IN MARCH 1968. TANSKANEN
RETURNED TO HELSINKI IN APRIL 1971. BEFORE HIS DE-
PARTURE FOR HANOI HE WORKED AS A SECTION CHIEF IN THE
TREATY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY'S
LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

3. TANSKANEN IS MARRIED TO KAIJA SINIKKA KAUPPI WHO
WAS BORN AUGUST 18, 1939. THEY HAVE NO CHILDREN.
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